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Student requests greater than monies

by George Roche
Staff Writer

In the three year period from 1978/79 to 1980/81, the number of UMO applicants for student aid increased by 47 percent, while the number of recipients rose only 24 percent.

Next year, Director of Student Aid Burt Batty said his office will be "trying to establish a method that meets the needs of as many students with as much aid as is possible."

"We want what is most equitable for the students," he said. "Our policies should complement the enrollment of freshmen and the retention of upperclassmen."

According to Batty, 9,000 students are expected to file for financial aid in 1981-82 and therefore he advises, "I urge anyone interested in aid for next year to apply as early as possible."

The filing period begins Jan. 1 and ends April 15. (Last year the filing deadline was March 1).

University funding to student aid dropped between 1978/79 and 1979/80; but increased, beyond the '78 figure, between '79/80 and '80/81. This year the university funded 76 percent of the student aid (down from 90 percent in 1978).

More money needed

Union elevator plan sent to Board

by Pamela Bemis
Staff Writer

The Memorial Union elevator project will be submitted to the Board of Trustees Monday for final approval, but \$9,000 is still needed for actual

construction.

"Part of the problem is that the cost for putting in the elevator was estimated at \$25,000 a year ago," said John Coupe, vice president for financial affairs.

Don Nelson, engineer for the project, said the current estimate is approximately \$33,000, which includes preliminary work which the physical plant will do, and a bid of approximately \$26,000 which Pine Street elevator submitted for their job.

Coupe said \$5,000 is coming from the students, \$10,000 from the president's office and \$10,000 from student affairs. "I won't speculate on where the rest of the \$8,000 will come from."

An agreement was made with students over a year ago, stating if \$5,000 was raised, then the administration would pay the rest of the money needed to install the elevator, David Spellman, president of student government said.

"I have been given assurance that the students are very close to or will soon reach their targeted goal of \$5,000. We have made a commitment to the UMO students, they have delivered and we will deliver," Coupe said.

Approximately \$4,000 has been raised, and Spellman said, "I hope we can raise the remaining money in the first couple of months of next semester. We are so close there is not that much more work to be done. One or two big events could push it over the top. I'd like to see another concert to raise the money."

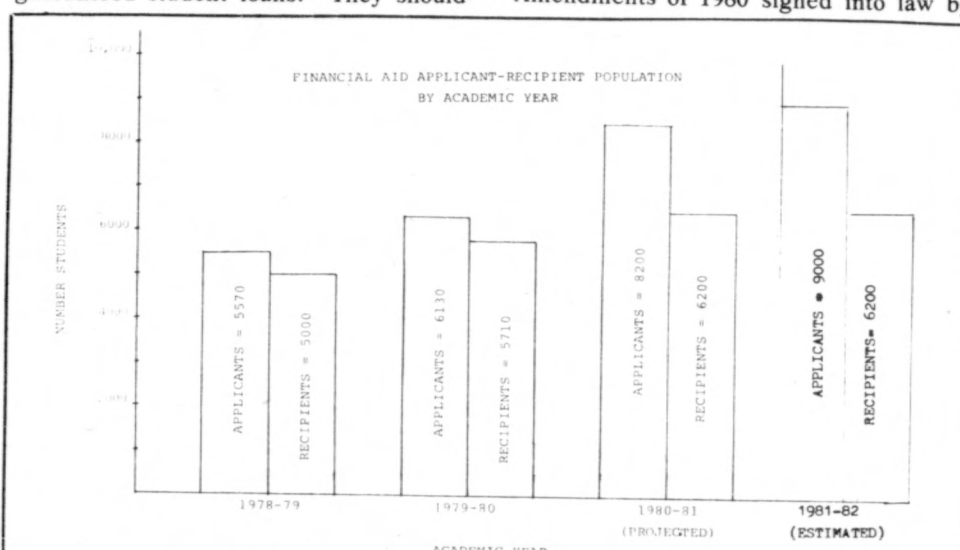
When told about the \$8,000 not accounted for yet, Spellman said, "As far as I'm concerned the students and the taxpayers are already putting up the money through tuition and taxes. I stand behind our \$5,000 commitment but we can't go any further than that because we've done so much work already."

Coupe said if the board approves the project, "I would expect the work would start relatively promptly. The shaft is already in the union, but there is some preliminary work which has to be done before the elevator can be put in," Coupe said. "That work could start right away," he said. Coupe said he expects board approval.

Banking institutions have helped relieve some of the demand with federally guaranteed student loans. They should

bank loans in 1979/80.

The impact of the Higher Education Amendments of 1980 signed into law by



Continuing demand for aid is not being met, as this graph shows.

ered over \$2.5 million more of the load this year than last. By the end of this year, more than 4,500 students are estimated to receive loans under this program. Less than 2,000 people signed

President Carter Oct. 3 will also be felt.

The benefits to students are deep and extensive: Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG) can now be granted to any student; formerly only

those designated as "high need" could receive these funds; elimination of the eight semester maximum of eligibility to complete first baccalaureate study provides for a larger Basic Opportunity Educational Grant (BOEG-to be renamed Pell Grant) award and increases the maximum SEOG.

The amendments also: Permit schools to use up to 10 percent of their work-study and SEOG funds for less than half-time studies, increase the total amount a student may borrow under the National Defense Student Loan (NDSL) program (from \$7,500 to \$9,000 for undergraduates from \$10,000 to \$12,000 for graduate students) and ups the NDSL interest rate from 3 percent to 4 percent. Starting in 1982/1983 the taxpayer, instead of the student, will pay the filing fee.

Finally, a new Parent Loan Program will be established allowing a parent to borrow \$300 per year for a total of \$15,000 for each dependent child attending a post-secondary educational facility.

Also, the university is allowed under the amendments to expand on the drawing of work-study funds for the off-campus Job Locator Program from \$15,000 to \$25,000 per year. Batty said that the feasibility of such a move was "under study."

Senate approves finance committee, New Edition funds

by Laura Proud
Staff writer

The General Student Senate voted to remove budgetary authority from the cabinet, giving it to the Executive Budgetary Committee. The motion, sponsored by student senators Don Oakes and Charlie Mercer, passed by a roll call vote of 28-3-1, last night.

"The reason (to form the budgetary committee, formally called the Finance Committee) is to enhance the power and credibility of the cabinet," Oakes said.

Student Government President David Spellman emphasized the allocation role of the new committee. "All the finance committee should say is 'This group should get \$10 for postage'...but a question of whether the group should be funded at all should be decided by the cabinet," he said.

Several senators voiced concern over membership and voting power of the president and vice president of student senate government on the budgetary committee.

"Do you know whose butt is in the sling when something gets messed up?" asked Spellman. "What's the sense of having an executive budgetary committee if there's no executive?"

A proposed amendment, which would take away voting power from the two executives was defeated. In other action, the senate voted to fund *The New Edition* \$1,618.50. The cabinet had initially voted to recommend the paper be funded \$0.00.

Off-Campus Senator Frank Richards pointed out that this money was for past-due lease payments for the typesetting machines. He said if the payments were not made by Dec. 31, Chase Manhattan Bank would take the machines away.

"The only way we can get money is if we pass this tonight, because this is the last senate meeting (of the semester)," said *The New Edition* Editor Crilly Ritz. He said by making the lease payments, *The New Edition* would have a chance to survive negotiating in the future.

"It will be a show of our good faith that we want to make these payments somehow," Spellman said.

Songwriter's tragic death marks end of musical era

by Laura Proud
Staff Writer

To some UMO students, the violent death of former Beatle John Lennon emphasized the senselessness of human actions. To others, Lennon's passing marked more than that—it is the end of an era.

John Dodge, junior broadcasting major, said he heard the news of Lennon's death Monday night as he was driving back from the Maine-BC hockey game in Boston. "I couldn't believe it when it happened. What kind of person would do that? Between McCartney and Lennon, those two rewrote the musical history of the world," he said. Lennon was "the spark that kept them (the Beatles) going...he turned them into serious rock musicians. We've lost one of the last musical heroes."

While she didn't know or follow Lennon's music much, 25-year-old Sue Libby, a business major, said the violence of his death struck her.

"There's a lot of crazy people out there," she said.

"I think it was a real big tragedy...it must have been some nut," said 21-year-old Mark Gatti, sociology major. Gatti said he thought the death didn't hit him and others his age very hard because "They didn't grow up with the Beatles."

"The Beatles changed the way Americans looked at popular music," said 31-year-old Jim Horan, a visitor from Unity College. "I thought he was a real artist...a really creative force in his time...it was a senseless loss. It is being felt all over the world."



John Lennon in 1968.

"Through all the pressure he had he never left Yoko," said 21-year-old journalism/political science major Tony Mangione. "He was one of the greatest forces in the times he worked in," he said.

"They were pretty much the pioneers in rock music," said 21-year-old wood technology major Mike Wolcott.

Policy expert believes**U.S. warnings to Soviets create false security**

by Michael J. Finnegan

Staff writer

United States government officials should stop making "noises" about Soviet intervention in Poland that may give Polish nationalists a false sense of security, said Dr. Eghal Ahmad, a Fellow of the Institute of Policy Studies, in Washington, D.C., in an interview Tuesday.

"I think the western countries can do a certain number of things," he said. One of the things the western countries should not do is what they did during the Hungarian and Czechoslovak crisis," Ahmad said.

Ahmad added, "this is to say, the western countries, particularly the United States, made a lot of noises about the bad consequences of Soviet intervention in Hungary and the bad consequences of Soviet intervention in Czechoslovakia and that did two things."

Ahmad, a member of Monday night's symposium presentation, received his Ph.D. in political science from Princeton University and has taught at Cornell University, the University of Illinois and the Adlai Stevenson Institute at the University of Chicago.

According to Ahmad, the "noises made by western countries' diplomats" obviously did not deter invasion by the Soviets in Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Furthermore, the "noises" made by western diplomats "certainly"

encouraged and gave some hopes to the Czechoslovaks and Hungarians which the western diplomats were not willing or able to fulfill, he said.

"So don't make noises that you can't make good on," Ahmad said. "You can't make good on noises in that area, that is very clearly an acknowledged sphere of Russian influence."

Ahmad said if the Soviets intervene in Poland, the U.S. is not going to save the Polish any more than the U.S. saved the Czechoslovaks and the Hungarians. Therefore it is irresponsible to make "noises" which provide "those beleaguered people" some hope, he said.

World public opinion ought to express itself against any Soviet intervention, and the internal crisis in Poland should be solved responsibly by both sides, he said.

U.S. and European diplomats should convey their dislike of Soviet intervention through proper diplomatic channels, he continued.

Ahmad said conveying a message through diplomatic channels would give the Polish workers a certain amount of political realism. At the same time tell the Soviets that the Americans are being very responsible and very strong in saying an intervention could hurt Soviet and U.S. relations, he said.

"I don't see why there is so much public noise about it;

the noise doesn't help anyone," Ahmad added.

Ahmad was very excited about the peaceful and highly organized protest that has unfolded in Poland during the last six months.

"So far, the victory has been for the working class of Poland and helped to break the authoritarian tissues of the Polish Communist Party towards a more true democratic socialist system," Ahmad said.

Ahmad said the Polish workers have consistently gotten the Polish government to accept their grievances and accept their terms: Acknowledging the right to organize free trade unions, and denying the political party control over the union, and granting the rights for collective bargaining and the right to strike.

"These are the things we hadn't imagined in our wildest dreams would be possible through peaceful protest in a socialist country," Ahmad said. "I do think given lacking experience in protest and democratic participation, the Polish unions might be pushing their advantage too fast in an economy that is hopelessly glutted," he added.

Ahmad said that the Polish state is already indebted \$15 billion to western Europe and the U.S. and to ask for more gains politically or economically could create a chaotic situation.

A typical cruise with campus policeby Susan Allsop
Staff Writer

While many students were scurrying around to various parties this past Saturday night, I had the opportunity to take a cruise with the campus police and see what goes on from the other side.

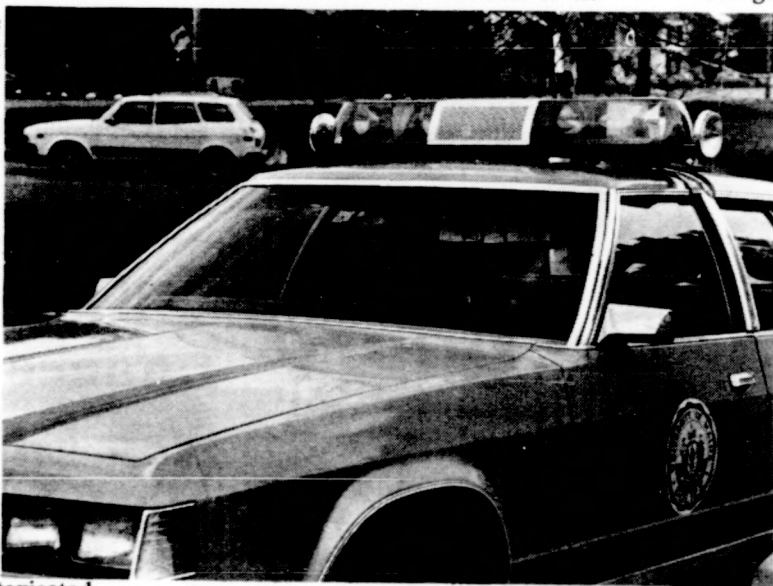
The night started off with a spin around campus, at about 10:00, to get an idea of what was going on. The patrolman I accompanied told me how he tries to avoid a set pattern to his cruising, but admitted it was hard to avoid on a campus of this small size.

As we cruised by Nutting Hall, where X-Mas trees had been sold earlier in the day, the patrolman told me of an incident the previous night when he caught a student trying to take a tree. The apparently intoxicated student had insisted he was not trying to take the tree, despite the pitch on his hands and the smell of pine needles on his clothes.

Then there was a call on the radio that an officer needed help at a fraternity party, because uninvited students from another fraternity were trying to get in.

As we arrived at the party, I observed a few guys standing outside the house, having a yelling match. And since they were rather

large, I decided that watching from the cruiser would be close enough. Then after cruising around a little more, we went to the station for a break. But before I was able to sit



down, there was a call that the same fraternity brothers were still trying to crash the party.

So we quickly ran to the cruiser and once we got going, the patrolman turned on the siren and the flashing blue lights, as he sped down the campus streets towards the fraternity. About the same time, my stomach felt a little sick.

While police were trying to remove the uninvited fraternity brothers from the party, an officer was kicked by one of the intruders.

This meant a trip to the county jail. We were greeted by not-so-friendly faces, who were in no state of mind to take any abuse from the student brought in to them.

The student was left at the jail for the night, a place I decided I'd stay away from in the future, and cruised back to campus around 3 a.m.

Patrolmen then located a guy who had reportedly beat up a Hancock Hall resident. He was questioned, read his rights and issued a court summons in the cruiser before released. I was glad a cage separated where I was sitting from the back seat.

At that point, I decided to call it a night, while most patrolmen would have to call it a night at seven the same morning.

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Grad mythsby Ruth DeCoster
Staff Writer

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Brown said, "Hypnosis for a couple of centuries has been used to help people up and down through the first time it's been seen."

"What amazes me," said Brown, "is that we know so much more to learn."

"People have always been hypnotized," said Brown. "There are certain hypnotists who have a certain method of induction to state of hypnosis."

"There are a billion procedures," said Brown. "It's pretty much work, there's each of them. You have attention on some part could be within the hypnosis."

The gold eyes is "somebody's eyes," said Lazar. "There are misconceptions about hypnosis. It makes it seem like it's a magic, but it's not."

To become hypnotized, you must be very calm and totally relaxed. It's not a lot of stimuli in the state of hypnosis.

Hypnosis requires a person to be in a receptive attitude to be analytical.

"That's crucial," said Lazar. "You can't spend more time thinking about what you're doing."

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Grad students dispel myths about hypnosis

by Ruth DeCoster
Staff Writer

Hypnosis, a state of altered consciousness, is a misunderstood area of psychology and the subject of many misconceptions.

"Why does hypnosis work for some people and not for others?" asked Mike Venturino, a UMO grad student who is trying to dispel the myths about hypnosis. "We look at the different aspects of their personalities and what the make-up of these people are," said Venturino who has worked with hypnosis for five years.

Venturino works with Scott Brown, a four-year graduate student in cognitive psychology, and Joel Lazar, who came to UMO this semester.

Brown said, "Hypnosis has been around for a couple of centuries, and it's had its ups and downs through history. Now is the first time it's been scientifically accepted."

"What amazes me," Venturino said, "is that we know so much but still have so much more to learn."

"People have always believed that the hypnotist had a certain kind of power," Brown said. But the ability to be hypnotized is all within the individual, he said, and all the hypnotist does is use a method of induction to help produce the state of hypnosis.

"There are a zillion different induction procedures," Brown said. "And they all pretty much work, there are similarities to each of them. You have to focus your attention on some particular thing, or it could be within the head."

The gold watch swinging in front of someone's eyes is "somewhat outdated," Lazar said. "There are a lot of misconceptions about hypnosis due to the media. It makes it seem mystifying. It may appear like that, but it's not that way at all."

To become hypnotized, a person must be very calm and totally relaxed. There can not be a lot of stimuli in the area, and he or she must be at ease.

Hypnosis requires a person trying to get into a receptive attitude. He or she cannot be analytical.

"That's crucial," said Lazar. "You can't spend more time analyzing things and thinking about what's going on, then thinking about the hypnotism."

Hypnotism is a cooperative state in which a person cannot be hypnotized unless he wants to be.

Venturino said, "Hypnosis is really not that special. Chances are that about 99 percent of the population have experienced some type of hypnotic state." Being totally



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immersed in a movie or book, or driving down the highway are examples. "It's a total absorption in something."

"It's a misconception that when the hypnotist leaves the room, the person will stay hypnotized. They will wake up," Venturino said. "There's a lot more going on in our heads than we realize. We have a lot more power to control and utilize these things. The mind is always filtering everything that goes through it, and it has the ability to change perceptions and how we perceive things."

American medicine has been built on drugs and chemicals. With hypnosis, more and more people are turning towards means within themselves to fight pain without medication.

Venturino said the discovery of Ether in the 1800's stunted the development of hypnosis.

He said hypnosis includes the ability of the mind to exert influences over the body in a controlled, positive way.

"The value of hypnosis," Venturino said, "lies in the future. It's very young, and no one has the answers yet. The more research done, the closer we'll be to defining it."

News Briefs:

PORTLAND—By a five-to-three vote, the Portland city council has rejected a proposal to ban nude dancers and nude waitresses from bars and clubs. Last night's vote came at the close of a public hearing that featured emotional pleas for and against the ban. A petition signed by 600 people supported an end to nudity in bars. A rival petition signed by 400 people was presented by the co-owner of the Stardust Lounge, the only Portland bar featuring nude entertainment. The sponsor of the measure, Councillor J. Donald McWilliams, noted that a similar ban in Old Orchard Beach has been upheld by the Maine Supreme Court. But opponents questioned whether the council should legislate morality.

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court ruled today that police officers may not be sued for violating someone's civil rights if the challenged tactics were condoned in a previous criminal trial. And in a six-to-three vote, the justices reversed a ruling that had allowed such federal lawsuits seeking money damages against police. The case involves a St. Louis man convicted of possessing heroin and assault with intent to kill. He had claimed at his trial that his civil rights were violated in a search of his apartment, but the state court ruled otherwise. The man then filed a federal civil rights suit against the searching officers. A U.S. district court dismissed the civil lawsuit, but this was reversed in the U.S. circuit court of appeals. Tuesday's decision by the Supreme Court reversed the appeals court. Writing for the majority, Justice Potter Stewart said the criminal court's ruling upholding a search bars any future civil rights lawsuit over the search's legality. The dissenting opinion was written by Justice Harry Blackmun. He said the court's ruling "makes more difficult the consistent protection of constitutional rights."

GUATEMALA CITY—An American tire company executive has been kidnapped from his home in Guatemala City. Police say 55-year-old Clifford Bevens of the Ginsa Tire Company was abducted from his apartment by 13 people posing as national policemen. Mrs. Bevens was in the apartment at the time, and later called police. Authorities say no ransom has been requested and no group has claimed responsibility. Bevens has been in Guatemala since 1978. Ginsa Tire is 70 percent owned by Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and 30 percent by Guatemalan interests.

PORTLAND—Poland's army is warning that there's no room in the country for government trade unions or groups intent on conflict with official authority. The warning is carried in the army newspaper, and it comes just a day after a hinc in the same paper that Poland's own army might be used in the army crackdown on "social unrest."

Lowdown

Wednesday, December 10

10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Red Cross Bloodmobile. Memorial Union.

12 noon. Wildlife noontime seminar. Mike LaPointe will speak on "The Role of sampling in the National Marine Fisheries Service." 204 Nutting.

7 and 8 p.m. Planetarium show. "The Star of Christmas." 2nd Floor, Wingate. Admission.

7 and 9 p.m. IDB movie. "A Little Romance." 130 Little.
7:30 p.m. Cultural affairs film series. "The Innocents." Student Union, BCC.

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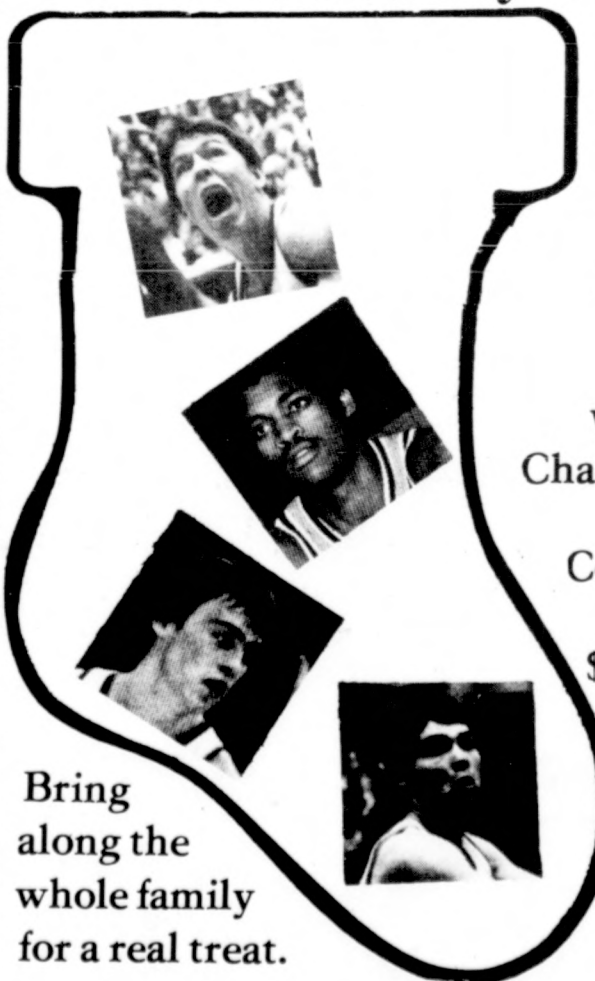
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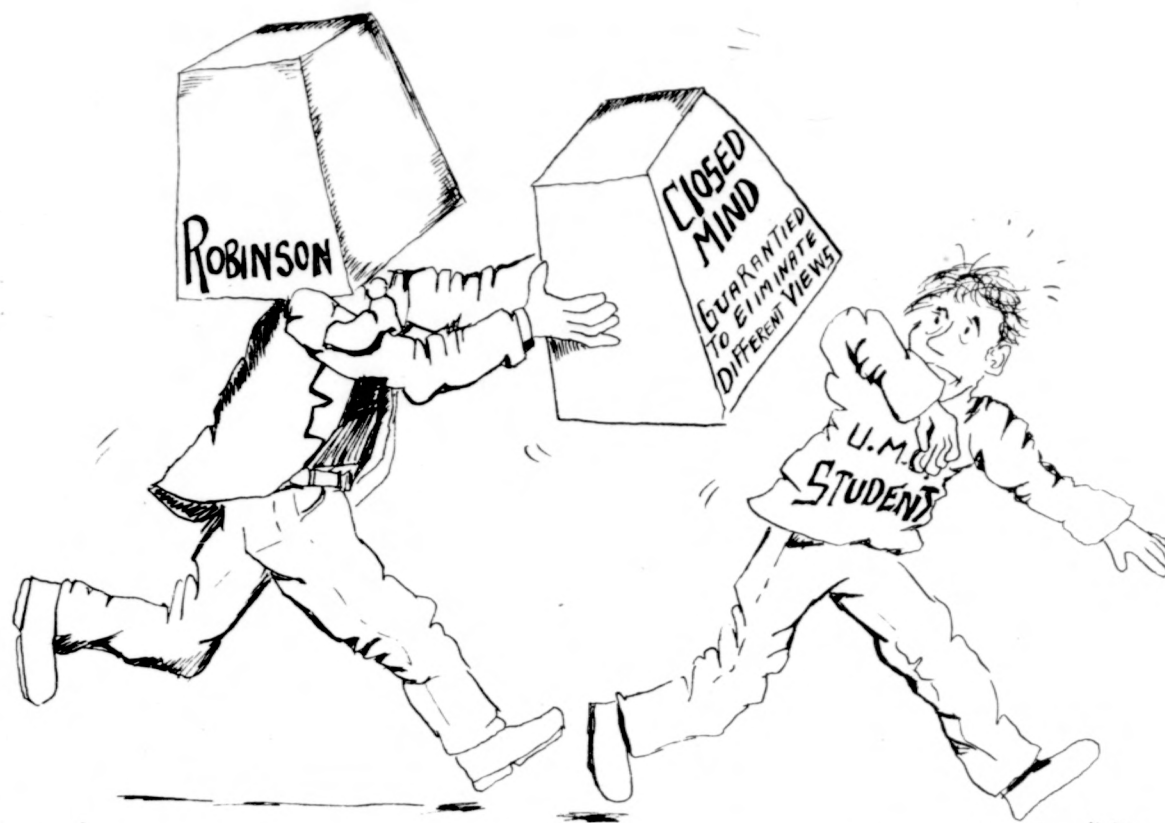
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A student's experiences at college should include many things. You must learn to meet and live with many new and different people, to become more independent and responsible and to study in ways you never dreamed possible.

But, more than anything else, a student should learn to understand and accept varying viewpoints, whether they be political, philosophical or social.

For this to be possible, however, there must be a totally free exchange of ideas and thoughts. Whether it be in a classroom, a dormroom or an auditorium, there can be no restraints on what is said or heard, if a person is to become educated in the true sense of the word.

A proposal recently announced by Board of Trustee member John Robinson advocates the opposite.

Robinson feels that no student money, which is raised from activity fees, should be used towards gaining speakers who would discuss politically-related ideas or topics. He said on Monday he is strongly against students fees being used "to propagandize such activities."

Robinson's views of what a college or university should provide must be extremely different from my own.

He is simply way off base.

The University of Maine at Orono is not the nation's wealthiest school. Money is tight in all areas and departments. The major speakers who visit this campus each year are not brought through non-student money. If that was the case, the lecturers and notable guests who might speak at Orono would be of drastically poorer quality.

There are a few speakers each year who visit and share their knowledge as the result of non-student monies. Some of

this money comes from individual departments sponsoring speakers, some comes from the president's office.

But, the major speakers that students really want to hear and that pack in a large crowd, come as the result of student activity money given out to the Distinguished Lecture Series Committee and the more recent Symposium Committee. Both get all their funds through student government and the activity fee.

In past years, this set-up has worked well and has brought to UMO many notable and interesting guests. In the last four years, I've had the privilege of hearing the viewpoints of Ralph Nader, Jerry Rubin, Gen. William Westmoreland and Shana Alexander, just to name a few.

If the proposal suggested by Trustee Robinson is indeed passed by the Board of Trustees this coming Monday, future visits by such persons may become compromised.

The proposal, as currently written, does leave final say on such a matter up to the particular campus president, in our case President Silverman.

But, the idea that a member of the Board of Trustees, the ruling body of the state's university system, would suggest such a notion is cause for alarm.

The most important happenings and thoughts of the day must be discussed and debated by students in a college environment. And, the majority of these topics are likely to be political in nature. And this is rightly so.

It is at college that most persons form strong judgements which will carry on throughout their lifetimes. We will soon find out whether the Board of Trustees feel the basis for these judgements should be censored or should be free.

S.O.

Editor's notes Steve McGrath

This is it

Well, as Kenny Loggins says, "this is it."

For the final time of my college career, I am sitting down to have a say about the things that matter to me. And I hope they've mattered to you.

Two years ago, I first wandered into the *Maine Campus* offices. I was just a young journalism student, who had figured organic chemistry was too much to tussle with and decided to try and peck out a living on a typewriter.

I had written a story on a new university police car that was going to be patrolling the campus in search of drunken drivers. I didn't think it was too bad a story. In fact, I was pretty proud of myself.

I brought the story in to Bob Granger, the *Campus* editor at that time. He asked if it would be all right to change a few things, a technique he called "copy-editing."

Well, when Granger was done, it looked as though my story had been run over by an escaped pencil truck. But, you know, it sure was an improvement.

The *Campus* has taught me a lot in the past few years. It's been a place to take some chances, to bear your soul and to have a chance to have an intelligent community read what you have to say.

Sometimes people agree with you. That's a rewarding feeling, although you rarely hear the people who agree with you.

What you hear is the people who disagree with you, and even that's rewarding.

When you write editorials for the *Maine Campus*, you want to approach the topic like a field goal kicker bearing down on a bee hive. Ideally, you should kick the subject hard enough as to stir up the bees and far enough to watch them swarm without getting stung.

The best characteristic of an editorial, aside from being what you really believe (because it's hard to argue for something you don't believe in) is to get both sides of an issue angry.

We are not here to memorize; we are here to think, to experiment and to experience. Don't be afraid to try new things in life.

A recent ad in the Wall Street Journal gave a good creed to live by: *Oscar Wilde said "Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative." So stop getting up at 6:05. Get up at 5:06. Walk a mile at dawn. Find a new way to drive to work. Switch chores with your spouse next Saturday. Buy a wok. Study wildflowers. Stay up all night. Read to the blind. Start counting Brown-eyed blondes or blonds. Subscribe to an out-of-town paper. Canoe at midnight. Don't write to your congressman; take a whole Scout troop to see him. Learn to speak Italian. Teach some kid the thing you do best. Listen to two hours of uninterrupted Mozart. Take up aerobic dancing. Leap out of that rut. Savor life. Remember, we only pass this way once.*

Have a good life.



Religion

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Workmen not considerate

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago a good friend of mine, a big friend, I might add, decided to sprint down the hallway. When he got to the end of the hall, he had a small lax in his memory—he forgot to turn. My door happened to get in his way, and didn't supply the needed resistance—the final result was that I needed another door.

Thursday morning my replacement portal to the hall was requisitioned. The workmen came and put the new door in the deceased door's place. They did a fine job—that is my complaint. The problem is not the door's replacement itself, but the way it transpired. The workmen walked into my room as it were their own. With not even a knock to see if it would be all right, they began their work. It was 9:30 a.m. I had been up late the previous evening studying, and had a test at 1:00 p.m. I woke up to three strange men fiddling with my door. I asked them if it had to be done right then—I was still half-asleep. They gave me a quick "yes." When I got out of bed, one of the men asked me if I was just getting up; then they looked at each other and chuckled. I told them I had been up late studying. To this, one of them responded that "when you start working you'll have to get up late and get up early every day." Isn't

school work? I'm not here for a vacation from home! I left my room, or should I say our room (the workmen's, my roommate's, and mine), and when I returned, they had finished hanging the door. Job completed, right? Wrong! Sawdust and nails were strewn all over my floor and carpet, and the men were nowhere to be found. This is my dorm room, not their workroom. I, not they, pay money to stay here, and I hope in the future these workmen will think of college students as people with rights and not just objects that get in their way when they're at work. Work?

Sincerely,
Chris Kripas
209 Corbett Hall

Religion is all around us

To the Editor:

Let's get technical. Religion. Belief in what is to be of importance. That's what Webster's tells us in a nutshell. And you thought it meant going to church, praying on your knees, shaving your head, or rambling off a mantra. Of course these are all practices of certain religions, but there are countless other practices in people's lives that make up religions in every day life.

1. The belief and practice that money can solve problems. The more we make, the more comfortable our lives will be. The more we have in the bank, the more secure our future seems.

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3. The belief and practice that our jobs insure income and security. We need a job, preferable well paying, in order to have food and clothing. And we need to be the best at what we do so that no one can take that job away from us.

I could go on, but you can well see that religions are all around us. No matter whether we are a steel worker in Pittsburgh or a congressman in Washington. We all live by a set of

religious beliefs that are of importance to our lives.

In a recent column in the *Campus*, Glen Chase feels that religion should be kept out of government. Unfortunately, religions have been prevalent in government since its beginning. Every decision in government is based on what is believed to be of importance to those making the decisions. And those who disagree with those decisions do so because their religion is based on different beliefs of what is important.

But, boy oh boy, the fur really flies when someone starts basing their beliefs on something like the Bible. Opinions seem to be OK, but don't start dragging God into it. Not everybody believes in God. But then again, not everybody believes in the qualifications of the human race to do everything on its own. So why is it that those who base their religions on things other than the Bible have the right to exclude the opinions of those who do? Let's be fair. We think that God can help with our problems just as much as those who think we can handle them by other means. And Christianity is the only religion with a historically accurate account showing that its belief, in God, has a successful past record in problem solving.

Thank you,
Bill Mason
Milford

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To the Editor:

To all residents of Oxford Hall, I wish to take this opportunity to thank each of you for honoring me at your Christmas Party on the night of Dec. 5.

Every time I look at the plaque that you presented to me will bring back fond memories of the four years spent with you.

May I wish you all much success and good fortune always.

Cassius F. Oliver
Receptionist, Oxford Hall

Craftsfair

To the Editor:

I just wanted to tell everyone how much I enjoyed last weekend's craft fair. I thought it would be a good opportunity to get my Christmas shopping done and boy! did I make out like a bandit. I got my brother a hand made sweater for only \$85.00 and I got mom a bed spread for \$320.00. It was beautiful! A quality piece of craftsmanship, a real work of art and besides they take Mastercharge. I got my sister a stained glass jewelry box for only \$76.00 and a coffee mug for \$7.50. Just imagine four gifts for only \$486.50. My family will be so happy. I went all out for ole dad. I got him a stained glass window for his office for only \$760 and a pair of slippers for \$42.50. He hates having cold feet. I finished all my Christmas shopping and saved a bundle in gas money by walking to the Union. Remember, it's the thought that counts. What's \$1290.50 to a college student anyway. Beer & pizza.

Merry Christmas,
Dan Spedden
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Art works in Fogler are inferior

The ability of art to enhance an environment is something which is generally taken for granted. Works of art can transform impersonal spaces into personal ones; dead spaces into ones that are alive if approached with selectivity and sensitivity.

The problem with some art exhibitions, particularly those in public buildings, is that good intentions notwithstanding, the exhibitions often lack the sensitivity and selectivity necessary for the exhibit to be of any positive value. This is annoying to those who have an appreciation of art and it is misleading and confusing to those who are attempting to acquire one.

The permanent exhibit in Fogler Library is an example of the unfortunate tendency of some exhibitions to become "displays." I can appreciate the fact that the exhibition in Fogler was quite likely intended to enrich and humanize a potentially barren and cavernous space. However, it can't be ignored that the result of these good intentions is the opposite of that which was desired.

There are a great number of works exhibited in Fogler—the

majority of them bad. Greater selectivity would have prevented this ratio. The insensitivity of this, is that the preponderance of bad works tends to obscure those

John Marin's *Stonington*, which hangs just a few feet away. Tucker's *Blue Heaven* attempts to be dynamic but fails. Its shapes and colors have no



that are good. For example, the area to the right of the reserve desk is dominated by a R.D. Tucker work that inhibits the appreciation of a better piece,

meaningful relationship and, thus Tucker's painting comes to dominate and have a negative effect over the surrounding space. In order to appreciate

Marin's watercolor, *Stonington*, which is a modest but adequate example of the artist's engaging blend of cubism and dynamism, it is necessary, but difficult, to visually avoid the Tucker painting.

In its overall effect, the Fogler exhibition is desensitizing rather than enriching. It is very possible that a person just developing a sense of art appreciation could potentially become desensitized to good art in general. This last point is not particularly far-fetched if we consider the amount of time the average student spends (over a period of four years) in Fogler in the presence of bad art unwittingly raised in status and given legitimacy by its exhibition.

The exhibition in Fogler fails in its effort to enrich the environment and in doing so is reduced to display. Its potential meaning is lost to gesture. This could be remedied by the removal of the poorer works and the careful redistribution of the better ones. This would, of course, mean that there would be a significant increase in empty wall space, but bare walls are preferable to walls hung with inferior works of art.

Animal research alive thanks to outside grants

by Tim McCloskey
Staff Writer

Research in the Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences is alive and well thanks to several grants from outside the university.

In addition to the multiple grants, the department's two-year program in animal medical technology has recently become accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association. The accreditation is a significant change because 34 states require by law that students becoming employed as animal medical technologists must graduate from an accredited institution.

One AVS professor, Leonard S. Bull, has received several grants for the purpose of studying cows. He is primarily interested in "energy and protein metabolism" in cows.

The first grant, received from Agway, has been applied to a study of balancing "the nutrient supply in forage with nutrients supplied in supplement foods," Bull said. The \$15,000 one year grant is being used to increase cow's "dependence on the feed that is grown in this part of the country," he said.

Bull's second grant of \$31,000, over a three year period, is being applied to "forage production and animal production on the so called small farm," he said. The objective of the research is "to work on pasture grass systems that are adaptable to Maine and to extend the grazing season as long as possible," he said.

The third sum of money Bull has received, for the study of nutrition in cows, amounts to \$5,000 for a period of a year. The research is aimed at "ways of improving the quality of (silage) feed that is actually produced on the land and additives to improve the fermentation process," Bull said. "We are looking at various chemicals and other things to improve fermentation," he added.

Bull is also studying a specific amino acid-methionine--a naturally occurring compound found in many proteins. Bull

received a \$24,000 grant for one year from DuPont to study the amino acid which "alters the metabolism of animals," he said. The goal of this research is to increase the productivity of cows.

"There is good evidence that methionine improves digestion of forages by animals," and thus productivity, Bull said.

Another AVS faculty member working on research is Assistant Professor Linda Kling, who is "concerned with different nutritional aspects in poultry," she said. Kling recently won a faculty research award of \$3,300 to study problems in bone and eggshell brittleness in the poultry industry.

Another AVS professor received a grant from Agway, a feed company based in Syracuse, New York, to study the relationship between the rate of maturity of egg laying chickens and their productivity. Associate Professor of Animal and Veterinary Sciences Robert O. Hawes received \$1,000 to experiment with the pullets.

Hawes' experiment involves segregating the chickens by their rate of maturity as well as having a control group of mixed rates. The chickens' productivity is then measured and tabulated. Hawes has found no direct correlation between the rate of maturity and the productivity.

"In terms of degree of sexual maturity, we didn't find any advantage to separating them," Hawes said. Actually, "The birds that were housed mixed laid a few more eggs than the nonsegregated ones."

Another area of research being pursued is a study of artificial attractants to be used for lobster bait. Associate Professor Robert C. Bayer has received approval on a grant from the federal government of \$1,000 for a year.

"We developed a synthetic diet with chemical attractants...it's a combination of fish and vegetable proteins," Bayer said.

Bayer said a Bass Harbor fisherman is currently using his artificial bait with mixed success. The artificial bait is slightly more expensive than the normal herring scrap used but Bayer added it's "only an alternative."

Theatre department sees variety in upcoming shows

by Michael Davis
Staff Writer

"I think we've got a better crop of shows, there's more variety," reflected Dr. Arnold Colbath of the UMO Theatre Department regarding the department's 4th season of student directed one-act plays.



Trish Konaker and Joe Makley prepare for "The Twelve Pound Look." [photo by Donna Sotomayor]

plays.

The last of the student directed plays will run Dec. 15, 16, 17.

There is a great deal of variety in these upcoming shows. They range from the newest New York writers, to the established contemporary, to the classical writers. Of the newer playwrights are "Reunion," by David Mamet; "Urlicht," by Albert Innaurato; and Michael Frayn's "China-men."

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the theatre department must give up their scheduled priority of building space during finals week. Consequently, Dr. Colbath and his twelve student directors are faced with the challenge of adopting their shows for the pavillion theatre. They were originally booked, because of the actor's stage movement, for Hauck.

The Hauck stage was to be transformed into a theatre-in-the-round. This would allow the actor to move in all directions. Now, the student directors are dealing with the thrust stage of the pavillion, which juts toward the audience.

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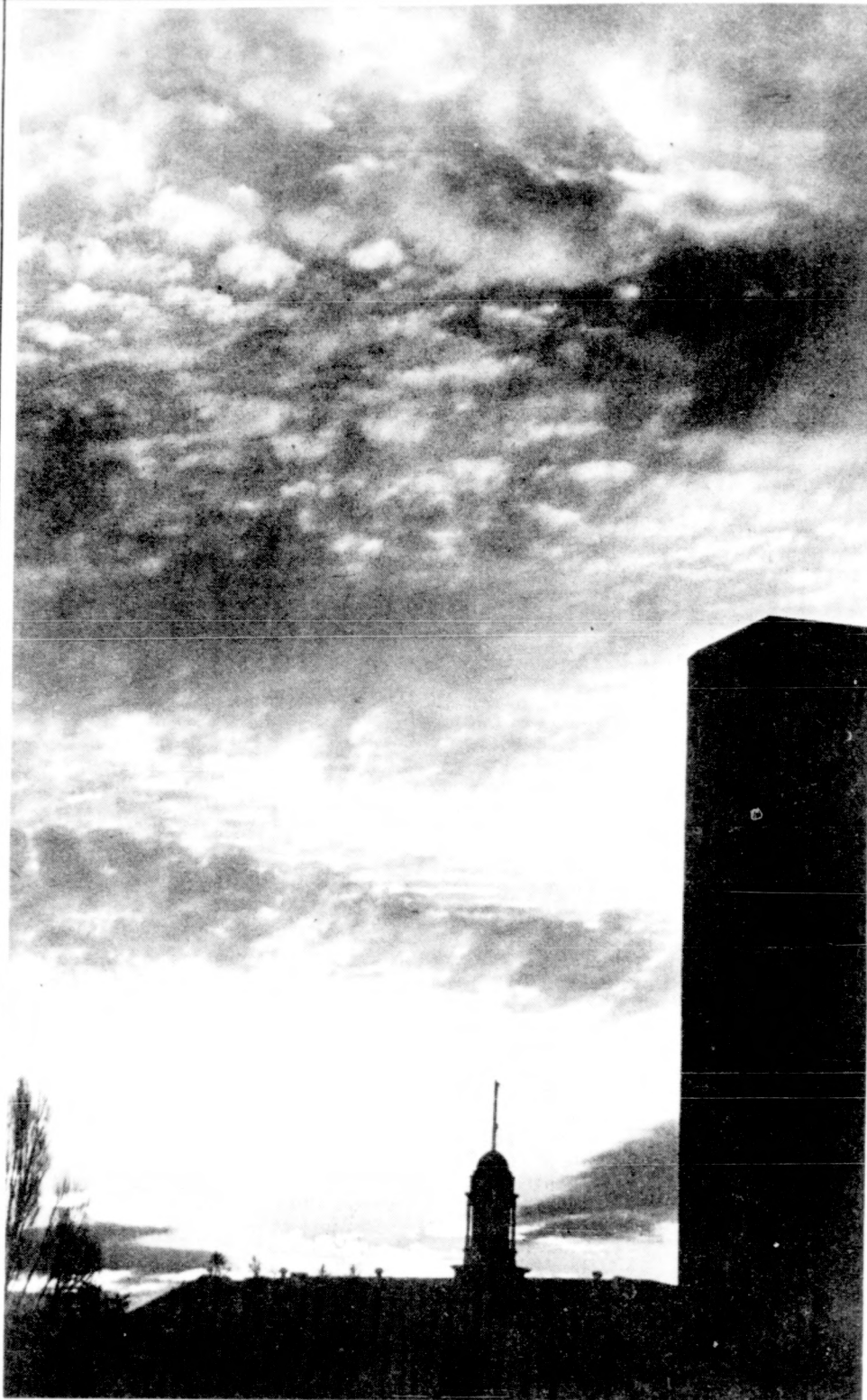
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by Ernie Clark
Staff writer

It's getting habitual. The Maine Black Bears are not always victorious.

The Maine Black Bears team shot an amazing 6-0 floor Tuesday night in their third lopsided win in 68 drubbing of the New England Wildcats before 1,500 fans at the Memorial Gymnasium.

With a 22-28 shooting (79 percent) from the second half, the Bears lost the game against the Oilers 9:50 of the contest.

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Black Bears overcome UNH 98-63

by Ernie Clark
Staff writer

It's getting habitual, folks, but habits are not always vices.

The Maine Black Bear basketball team shot an amazing 67 percent from the floor Tuesday night en route to their third lopsided win in a row, a 93-68 drubbing of the New Hampshire Wildcats before 1,500 fans at Memorial Gymnasium.

With a 22-28 shooting performance (79 percent) from the floor in the second half, the Bears broke open a lose game against the Wildcats, who failed to convert a field goal for the first 9:50 of the contest.

"Our rebounding wasn't that good, we're lucky we shot 67 percent," said Black Bear coach Skip Chappelle, whose troops nonetheless outrebounded the Wildcats 32-22.

Rick Carlisle paced the now 3-1 Black Bears with 20 points (10-12 from the floor), while sharp-shooting guard Jim Mercer added 17, Champ Godbolt contributed 14 points off the bench, freshman Jeff Sturgeon connected for 13 points and Clay Gunn added 11.

It was Carlisle and Mercer who led the Bears to the rout after Maine entered the halftime locker room with a 40-29 lead. Mercer scored eight points during a stretch which saw the Black Bears take charge of a game which UNH guards Al (19 points) McClain and Robin Dixon (16 points) tried to keep close. A Mercer drive past Wildcat forward Chris Gillea resulted in a three-point play and a 51-33 Black Bear lead at the 16:07 mark of the second half.

Forward Jack Burns tipped in an errant Wildcat shot, and Dixon followed with a long-range jumper and a free throw to cut the lead to 53-38 before the two teams traded hoops until the 7:00 mark when Maine made their final explosion.

Team ball was never more evident than when the Black Bears executed two consecutive three-man weaves to put the Bears up 74-57 and force UNH coach Gerry Friel to call a time out with 5:55 left to play.

Sturgeon, the senior-like freshman, was on the scoring end of both plays, but four different players were involved in the fast break hoops. First,



With 20 points, Maine's Rick Carlisle paced the Black Bears in their 98-63 outing of UNH. [photo by Bill Mason]

Gary Speed stole the ball from Dixon and gave it to Godbolt, who fed Sturgeon for the first of the two game-breaking scores.

Godbolt was the catalyst of the second blast, stealing the ball at the UNH end and firing a long pass to Gunn. Gunn broke in on a Wildcat defender, allowing Sturgeon an uncontested layup.

Maine got off to an early 20-9 lead, thanks primarily to great defense as the combination of Mercer, Speed and Godbolt swarmed all over McCain and Dixon.

Mercer and Carlisle carried the brunt of the Black Bear offense in the first half, while UNH stayed in the game early via 9-10 shooting from the charity stripe.

McLain finally broke the Maine hex over Wildcat field goal attempts with a jumper worthy of a Continental Basketball Association three-pointer at the 10:10 mark. But it was not nearly enough.

It won't be so easy tomorrow night as the Black Bears will invade Storrs, Conn. for a non-conference game against the Connecticut Huskies.

From the crease

Icemen impressive at BC

Scott Cole

The Black Bear hockey team pulled back into Orono at four o'clock yesterday morning, and yesterday afternoon after a few hours sleep, coach Jack Semler had heavy eyes but a happy heart over the way his skaters battled it out before succumbing to Boston College 3-2.

"The game was very similar to our Clarkson game," said Semler, "it was a great college hockey game."

Showing heart the New England Patriots could never dream of, the Bears bounced back into the game in the third period after trailing through two due to intense BC forechecking which held the Maine guns at bay.

It was this late resurgence which pleased Semler. "The encouraging part was that we got stronger as we went along."

The Bears have showed this quality for accelerating as the game goes along previously in the Clarkson and Princeton wins.

Their resilience couldn't quite carry them through Monday night at Chestnut Hill but a partial reason for that can be attributed to the quality of the opponent. "BC played very well," commented Semler, "probably the best they've played since we've been in Division I. For us to keep plugging and get ahead of that type of team is quite an accomplishment."

It was stated incorrectly in

yesterday's *Maine Campus* that Rob Zamejc was called for delay of game with 27 seconds left which gave the Eagles the power play chance they used to notch the game-winner with 14 seconds left. The guilty party was actually defenseman Andre Aubut. However, Semler was not mad at either the officials for calling the infraction or Aubut for picking up the penalty.

The outstanding Black Bear defenseman covered the puck up under his body as the Eagles swarmed around the Maine net. "Andre had to do it or else we might have given up the game-winning goal right there," stated Semler, "and it was just a matter of the ref having to call it as he saw it."

Maine goalie Jeff Nord, who went into the game leading the ECAC in goals-against average at 2.73, has played well all season long, but might have outdone himself Monday night. He frustrated the Eagles throughout the game but really came through with some heart-stopping saves in the third period and overtime. The junior logged 51 saves on the evening, five short of Jim Tortorella's record 56 saves versus R.P.I. in 1979.

BC coach Len Ceglarski felt his team played "very well" and thought his wingmen did an especially good job of forechecking. The veteran Eagle head man was not at all surprised by the showing by the Black

Bears. "We expected them to be every bit as good as they were. Jack Semler is an outstanding coach and all he needed was a few more players at Princeton and they would have been just as good as the rest. Now he's got those players at Maine and they're winning."

For the second week in a row the coaches poll sponsored by Michigan's WMPL radio picked the Eagles as the nation's number one collegiate hockey squad. The Bears, meanwhile, moved up three notches to number seven and counting.

Ceglarski said he didn't know how valid the poll really was since his team had two wins over Division 2 teams along with two

ties, but agreed it was nice to be in the number one slot "though it puts added pressure on the kids."

The Black Bears were very appreciative of the fan support at McHugh Forum Monday night. A large legion of Black Bear rooters were on hand and were quite vocal. "Those 'UMO-UMO, GO BEARS GO' cheers in unison really helped us," said Semler.

The Black Bears take on Boston University Saturday night at the Harold Alfond Sports Arena and Semler is expecting quite a challenge. "They've had some rocky times. I think they'll be excellent. They seem on paper to be able to explode on any given night."

The PRISM Office will be open Thursday, Dec. 18th from 10 AM to 3:00 PM for all who wish to pick up their yearbook before semester break. If you want to pick up someone else's book, bring their student ID number. The office will be closed Friday.

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Diversity is key to gymnastics coach's success

by Dale McGarrigle
Staff writer

In August, 1978, Lisa Burger was looking for her first outside teaching job, her M.S. in physical education from Indiana State University in her hand. Then a long-distance phone call came from the University of Maine at Orono.

"I had hoped to eventually coach at the college level, but I never dreamed that I would be coaching at the college level so quickly," Burger, UMO's women's gymnastics and assistant field hockey coach, said. "I was surprised when the phone call came asking me to come for an interview."

The interview was successful, for the Kingston, N.Y., native became a lecturer in physical education at UMO in the fall of 1978.

Burger was never a gymnast, and now feels this was an advantage. "It's an advantage because I spent a lot more time researching gymnastics, which is a technical sport. I read books and attended clinics and summer workshops. If I had been a participant, I think I would have thought I knew more than I actually did."

This is a direct contrast to field hockey, which Burger played from 1973-77 while earning her B.A. in physical education at Hope College in Holland, Mich. "In field hockey, I rely more on things I used to do in practice. It's not a sport I would dig into, basically because I understand the game and have played it myself. I'm more comfortable in hockey, because I can draw on my resources."

Organized sports were relatively new for Burger when she entered Hope. In high school, Burger played no varsity sports because she lived too far from the school. Burger made up for it at Hope, playing softball and volleyball along with field hockey.

Burger considers her best thing I've ever done. I had to study different areas of athletics as part of my major. I now have a better understanding of the psychology of the girls, and can work with them as people and handle them on an individual basis. Also I've found my athletic training background a big help, because gymnastics is a

dangerous sport."

"I think it's a strength for any individual to be diversified. That's the strength of the whole staff here, and it makes for a good working environment," Burger added.

Burger served as intramural director for one year, and also as the director of the elementary school gymnastics program for three years while at Hope.

"I gained experience in gymnastics as part of the elementary school programs," Burger said. "It was a community service, and it was a good challenge for someone in college and a good opportunity to teach. I firmly believe in practical experience over just reading about teaching. You learn more by doing."

Burger started judging high school meets while at Hope. She now holds a United States Gymnastics Federation official's rating. Burger said that although she's always trying to outguess the officials at meets, she doesn't question the marks they give. Burger mostly uses her judging ability now for judging routines of the gymnasts during practice.

After graduating from Hope College in 1977, Burger headed to Indiana State in nearby Terre Haute, Ind., with plans of becoming an athletic trainer. But an advisor told her to get into gymnastics or swimming coaching, which were the big growth sports then.

Gymnastics at I.S.U. was run by Grete Treiber, an internationally renowned coach and judge who fled from Hungary after the Russian invasion in 1956. "I knew of Grete, and I couldn't pass up the chance," Burger said.

Another gymnastics institution was at I.S.U. in 1978-Kurt Thomas, who won the all-around world championship the following year. Thomas was redshirting that year in order to preserve his fourth year of eligibility to train for the 1980 in 1979. "He practiced five or six hours a day," Burger said. "It was unreal; he was like a machine."

Burger served as a graduate assistant and gymnastics coach at I.S.U., and partially credits I.S.U.'s gymnastics reputation for her prompt employment by UMO.

One person who was glad to have Burger come here was field hockey

coach Deb Davis. "The previous year, I had to coach both the varsity and j.v. teams, which wasn't fair to either. Now I have more time to work with the varsity, while Miss Burger works with the j.v.'s. It keeps the two programs fairly coordinated."

As far as field hockey is concerned,



Lisa Burger, UMO's gymnastics and assistant field hockey coach, watches her gymnasts pensively during a recent meet. (photo by Bill Mason)

Davis subscribes to the old "two heads are better than one" theory. "In a game situation, she can be looking at one aspect, while I'm looking at another, thus doubling our observation capacity. It helps to have someone else's opinion to lend a different perspective to a situation," said Davis. "Miss Burger is very enthusiastic," j.v. captain Kathy Erickson said. "She helped me enjoy field hockey more and to become more involved in the game."

Left inner Gina Ferazzi said, "She coaches at the level we understand. She's really easy going and very understanding, and she'll do all that she can to help you out."

Burger sees herself as a teacher rather than a coach. "I look at coaching as teaching. In order to be a good coach, you have to be a good teacher."

Burger cited a good mechanical understanding of gymnastics and a good rapport with her gymnasts as her two biggest assets as a gymnastics coach.

At practices, Burger gives each gymnast an individual workout. "Gymnastics is a repetition sport. The girls work on half-routines, then full routines, polishing up what they already have. I analyze what they're doing, and help them to improve that way," Burger said.

"She's helped me develop my basics more and helped me acquire more finesse," sophomore Mary Rossi said.

Senior Wendy Miller said, "She pushes us to do enough work each day. The emphasis is on routines rather than moves, which is good."

"She doesn't push us too hard, but pushes us at our own pace," added junior Cathy Shea. "She doesn't expect us to be Olympic gymnasts, but to just do the best we can."

But a good rapport with her charges might be Burger's biggest plus. "She gets along well with us," sophomore Laura Schuster said. "She's a coach and a friend."

Miller added, "She cares a lot about us, both in and out of the gym."

Burger sees gymnastics growing in Maine, her base for recruiting. "Although the team gymnastics orientation is diminishing in high schools because of cost, the educational interest, like in p.e. classes, is rising. The interest is there, and is growing in the private clubs and Y.M.C.A.'s."

This growing interest and the enthusiasm of Lisa Burger could help UMO develop a highly-ranked gymnastics team--soon.

BCC subdues SMVTI 89-78

by Cavanaugh Kelly
Staff writer

The BCC Jets won their first game in South Portland in over a decade, beating SMVTI 89-78 Monday night.

The Jets, now 2-1, were paced by guards Steve Sirois' 27 points and Rick Inman's 20 points. Forward John O'Donnell contributed 15 points and backup guard Dennis Martel came off the bench to shoot home 13.

Six foot forward Dave Sanzaro led the team with 18 rebounds, while 6-2 guard Inman added 10.

Walter Scrubbs scored 25 of SMVTI's 78. Southern Maine is 0-1 on the season.

"We were much more organized as a team than our last outing (a 96-61 loss to NMVTI)," said head coach Mike Methvin.

"We had better ball movement, less one on one offense, and stronger rebounding," Methvin added.

The team improved its shooting over the NMVTI game from 26 percent to 52 percent.

They also nearly doubled their rebound total 26-49.

The Jets take on the University of Maine at Augusta Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at BCC.

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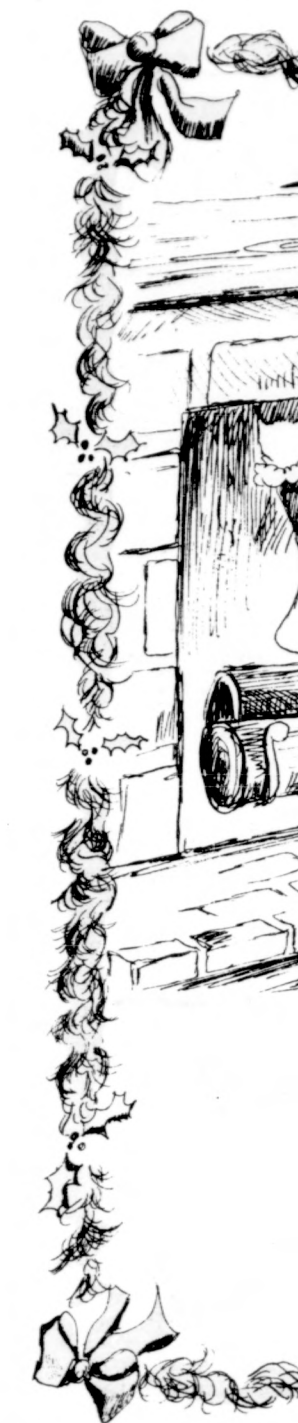
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Finals are looming study. These students work done. [Photo]

Aroostook

by Sean Broderick
Staff writer

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Finals are looming closer everyday and the Fogler Library is becoming the place to study. These students are using the quiet of the periodicals room to get their last minute work done. [Photo by David Lloyd-Rees]

Engineering students blast testing schedule

by Joe McLaughlin
Staff writer

Some chemical engineering students are taking exams during the last week of classes as well as a final exam in the same course during finals week and they are displeased with the situation.

Monica Delmonte, a senior chemical engineering major, has four exams during the last week of classes and final exams in the same four courses next week.

"I think if you give an exam during the last week of classes, then you shouldn't be allowed to have a final exam as well," Delmonte said. "I probably won't do as well in all

my courses because it's just too hard to keep up."

Michael Ventrella, also a senior chemical engineering major, has two tests this week and finals in the same courses next week. During finals week, Ventrella also has four other scheduled exams.

"There's no need of having two tests in two weeks. You can easily combine the two or not give one," Ventrella said. "It's just not fair and it certainly doesn't help my performances on my other exams."

Ken Rushton, also a chemical engineering major, has five exams during finals week and tests in three

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Aroostook Hall students protest dorm evictions

by Sean Broderick
Staff writer

"Last night, as I was coming into my dorm at one o'clock in the morning, I was met by Hack (the resident director, Jim McPherson) and a campus police officer. Hack told me I had 10 minutes to collect my things because I was being relocated to Estabrooke."

That quote comes from an ex-resident of Aroostook Hall here at UMO. Confrontations between students and Residential Life on the second floor of Aroostook Hall have resulted in six of those students asked to leave their dorm in what the students call an "abuse of power by the Resident Assistants, Resident, and Residential Life."

"All these RA's do is hassle people," one student complained, "they use their power instead of their friendship."

Tom Aceto, vice-President for Student Affairs, said that the students are not telling the truth and the students think "themselves above the law." Aceto said he supported the decision to have the students kicked out of their dorms "100 percent."

"I think this should have been done a long time ago," Aceto said. The students cite many instances where they believe the RD and RA's have been too stringent with rules, harassing students and sometimes even "abusing their power."

Resident Assistant Tim Kentopp is spoken of as the offender. One student told a story that was typical of complaints: "One of the guys washed out a 'bong' (Marijuana water pipe) in the janitor's closet and that made the hall smell like dope. Tim came by, smelled the odor, and then assumed the guys in the next room down were smoking pot. So he writes them up and goes and shows the notice to Kent.

He even said there was pot smoke in the hallway, but all there was was the smell of the bong water. He had no basis for writing those guys up except his own suspicion."

Kentopp has refused to comment, as has the other second floor RA, Mark Butler. An informed source who wishes to remain nameless reports that RD Jim McPherson has ordered the RA's to remain quiet.

A more serious incident involves Richard Miller, also a resident of second floor. Like other students he was told to leave the dorm. Unlike others, he chose to fight.

"Last night, as I was coming into my dorm at one o'clock in the morning, I was met by Hack (the RD, Jim McPherson) and a campus police officer. Hack told me I had 10 minutes to collect my things because I was being 'relocated' to Estabrooke. I tried to explain to him that you don't have to move out as long as an appeal (on your case) is going through, but he wouldn't

listen. He insisted he had sent me a letter explaining the situation but actually all I had received was an envelope with my name on it and someone else's letter in it. I tried to explain this to Hack but he wouldn't listen to that either. he told me I had to either relocate right now or leave the dorm. So I walked out."

RD McPherson declined to comment on the matter, but he did say that one of the major problems was that the students refused to sit down and talk things out. Some students seem to feel that talking to the RD and RA's has little or no effect. Dorm President Greg Sotir, who is presently on university and residential life probation, told how he tried to reason with RD McPherson.

"I was wrestling with somebody in the hall and two other kids thought I was going to hurt him," Sotir said, "so they picked

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